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| TITLE OF INVENTION CONTAINER STRUCTURE FOR REMOVAL OF VACUUM PRESSURE | | | | |
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| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | | | |
| This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. | | | | |
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| | This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. | | | |
| 4. 🗸 | The US has been elected (Article 31). | | · | |
| 5. 🔽 | A copy of the International Application | as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) | | |
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| | c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). | | | |
| 6. | An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). | | | |
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| | b. has been previously submitt | ted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). | | |
| 7. [| Amendments to the claims of the Inter | rnational Application under PCT Article 19 | (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) | |
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| 9. 🗸 | An oath or declaration of the inventor(| (s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). Unsigned | | |
| 10. | An English language translation of the Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). | annexes of the International Preliminary E | Examination Report under PCT | |
| Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: | | | | |
| 11. 🗹 | An Information Disclosure Statement | under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. | | |
| 12. | An assignment document for recordin | g. A separate cover sheet in compliance w | rith 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. | |
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| 14. | An Application Data Sheet under 37 C | CFR 1.76. | • | |
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| 19. | | ge translation of the international application | | |
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